

MAYOR & COUNCIL AGENDA COVER SHEET

MEETING DATE:

July 9, 2007

CALL TO PODIUM:

Jim D. Arnoult

RESPONSIBLE STAFF:

James D. Arnoult

AGENDA ITEM:

(please check one)

	Presentation
	Proclamation/Certificate
	Appointment
	Public Hearing
	Historic District
	Consent Item
	Ordinance
X	Resolution
	Policy Discussion
	Work Session Discussion Item
	Other:

PUBLIC HEARING HISTORY:

(Please complete this section if agenda item is a public hearing)

Introduced	
Advertised	
Hearing Date	
Record Held Open	
Policy Discussion	

TITLE:

Resolution of the Mayor and City Council Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into a Contract to Purchase Two (2) Ford Escape Hybrids (\$50,552)

SUPPORTING BACKGROUND:

The Planning and Code Department wishes to replace two 1999 Chevy Blazers. The old units will be retained in the fleet as back-up vehicles.

The City has been looking into the purchase of alternative fuel vehicles. Staff believes that the use of the Ford Escape Electric Hybrid should be considered instead of a standard SUV such as the Chevy Blazer.

The Escape Hybrid costs approximately \$4,000.00 per unit more than a Trail Blazer. The Escape gets an average of 33 miles per gallon while the Trail Blazer gets about 19 miles per gallon. At the current gas price, the savings in gasoline expense will offset about half the additional cost of the Hybrid over the life of the vehicle and will reduce the amount of emissions produced by the City's fleet.

At current gasoline prices there is a cost to going green that is not offset by savings in fuel cost. However, the purchase of an electric hybrid also has intangible benefits such as making a statement regarding the City's commitment to the environment. Additionally, if gasoline prices go up more of the cost difference is recovered.

Therefore, staff recommends the purchase of two (2) 2008 Ford Escape Hybrids for the Planning and Code Department. The City can piggyback on an existing State of Maryland Contract for this purchase. Funds are available in the vehicle replacement fund.

DESIRED OUTCOME:

Vote on Resolution

Resolution Request Form

REQUEST FORM FOR RESOLUTIONS PERTAINING
TO EXPENDITURES FROM THE CITY BUDGET
(CONTRACTS/PURCHASES, TRANSFER FUNDS)

(Please attach the Mayor and Council Agenda Cover Sheet to this Form. For contracts/purchases, the Cover Sheet MUST include a list of all bidders and bid amounts.)

Requested by: James D. Arnoult Date of City Council Meeting: July 9, 2007
Director, PW, PM & E

AUTHORIZING

Purchase __X__ Award Contract _____ Transfer Funds _____ Negotiate/
Contract _____ Execute a

BID INFORMATION:

Advertisement Date N/A

Newspaper(s) N/A

Bids Opened/Tabulated (date) Piggyback State of Maryland BPO # 001B7900318

DESCRIPTION OF ITEM(S):

(Be specific; include quantity, item name, model number, etc.)

Two (2) 2008 Ford Escape Hybrids.

CONTRACTED/PURCHASE FROM:

Company Name: Hertrich Fleet Sales Inc.

Street Address: 1123 Shore highway

P. O. Box Number

City/State/Zip: Denton, Maryland 21629

CONTRACT/PURCHASE AMOUNT: \$50,552.00

Check One: In the Amount of __X__ Not to Exceed _____

FUNDS TO BE EXPENDED FROM: Operating Budget __X__ Capital Improvements Budget

Account Number: 310700 Vehicle & Equipment Replacement Fund
(For Finance Department use only; not to be included in the Resolution)

VERIFICATION OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS Available _____ Not available _____

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT
TO PURCHASE TWO (2) FORD ESCAPE HYBRIDS

WHEREAS, section 57 of the City Charter provides that the City Council may permit negotiations of contracts without sealed bids for products and services, where in the opinion of the Council, the interests of the City would be best served by negotiated contracts; and

WHEREAS, it is recommended that two (2) Ford Escape Hybrids be purchased; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to participate in the State of Maryland Contract BPO # 001B7900318 to purchase two Ford Escape Hybrids:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of Gaithersburg, that the City Manager be and he hereby is authorized to enter into a contract to purchase Two (2) 2008 Ford Escape Hybrids from Hertrich Fleet Services Inc., 1123 Shore Highway, Denton, MD 21629, in the amount of Fifty Thousand Five Hundred Fifty Two Dollars (\$50,552); said funds to be expended from the Operating Budget.

ADOPTED by the Mayor and City Council this 9th day of July 2007.

SIDNEY A. KATZ, MAYOR and
President of the Council

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that the foregoing
Resolution was adopted by the City Council
in public meeting assembled on the 9th day
of July 2007.

David B. Humpton, City Manager